

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Co-operation).—

As noticed by the Government the amount misappropriated since last three years is 50,60,438-37.

### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *Re : ban on Export of Cattle fodder*

SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry to the loss caused to agriculturists due to the ban on the export of cattle fodder.

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

In response to the call Attention Notice, I wish to make the following statement.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (Central Act of 1955) read with Notification No. SO. 519 (E) dated 4th August 1972 of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture), the Government of Karnataka have issued Mysore Cattle Fodder (Regulation of Export) (No. 2) Order 1972 extending it throughout the State of Karnataka. By this order, restriction are imposed on the export of cattle fodder like Ragihay, paddy straw, gram husk, Kadabi and wheat bran, hay husk outside the State of Karnataka except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government, or any officer authorised in this behalf by the State Government. This ban is still in vogue as it is the policy of Government that the cattle fodder produced within the State should remain in the State, as its export will affect adversely the health of the livestock and also milk yield. In addition, there is steep rise in price of livestock feed and it is beyond the means of many farmers to purchase concentrates. The only alternative to maintain the livestock wealth of the State is by utilising the fodder that is available as a by-product of the various cropping programmes.

In the circumstances, Government are of the considered opinion that the ban on the export of cattle fodder should continue for some more time.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—When the Government has lifted the ban on coarse grains, what harm is there in lifting the ban on the export of cattle fodder?

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—With regard to the human consumption of grains, there is coarse and fine varieties; there is no such variety in cattle fodder.

(ii) *re* : Issue of Circular letter by the South Kanara District Jan Sangh Party threatening gherao.

SRI B. V. KAKKILAYA (Bantwal) —I call the attention of the Minister for Food and Forests to the situation that has arisen due to the issue of circular letter by the President of South Kanara District Jana Sangh Party to the Legislators of South Kanara District threatening gherao.

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—I wish to make the following Statement :—

As Hon'ble Member are aware, at present there is restriction only on the movement of paddy and rice from one district to the other within the State. The restriction in respect of wheat and all coarse grains has been removed. There is restriction on inter-state movement of wheat and rice only.

2. The inter-district movement of paddy and rice has been controlled with a view to enable Government to maximise procurement and to regulate the flow of grains from the surplus districts to the deficit areas in the State. Permits are being given according to the needs of the situation. The inter-state movement control has been imposed as an integral part of the national food policy.

3. This subject had come up for discussion on several occasions before this House and even during the debate on the Demand for Grants for the Food Department some members pleaded for the removal of the restriction on inter-district movement. Government have considered all aspects of the question and have come to the conclusion that this restriction must be kept in force in the overall interests of the State.

4. The Inspector General Police, Bangalore has been duly instructed to afford necessary protection to all the M.L.A.'s of South Kanara District during the threatened gheraos staged in the Calling Attention Notice under reference.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ಕಕ್ಕಿಲಾಯ —ಅಹಾರದ ನೀತಿಯು ಧೋರಣೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾವು ಕಾಲಿಂಗು ಅಜಿನ್‌ಡನ್ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿರುವುದು ಜನಸಂಘದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಎಂಎಲ್‌ಎ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗೇರಾಪೋ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಸ್ಥರು ಯಾವುದೇ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಅವರು ಅಕ್ಕಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಅವರನ್ನು ಹಾಗೇ ಬಿಡಬೇಕೆಂದೂ ಒಂದು ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರು. ಇದೇ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕಳೆದ ತಿಂಗಳು ೧೮ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಎಂಎಲ್‌ಎಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಸಂಘದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಸ್ಪ. ಸೇರಿದ್ದರು. ಆಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಜನಸಂಘದವರು ಬಂದು ಕಲ್ಲನ್ನು ಹೊಡೆದರು, ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಅದೇ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ರಂಗನಾಥರವರು ಕೂಡ ಆ ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಜನ